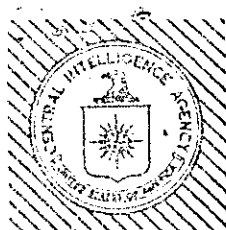


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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: CRITICISM BY GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA, CHIEF OF THE  
ARMY GENERAL STAFF, OF ADMIRAL EMILIO MASSERA,  
COMMANDER OF THE NAVY AND A MEMBER OF THE JUNTA

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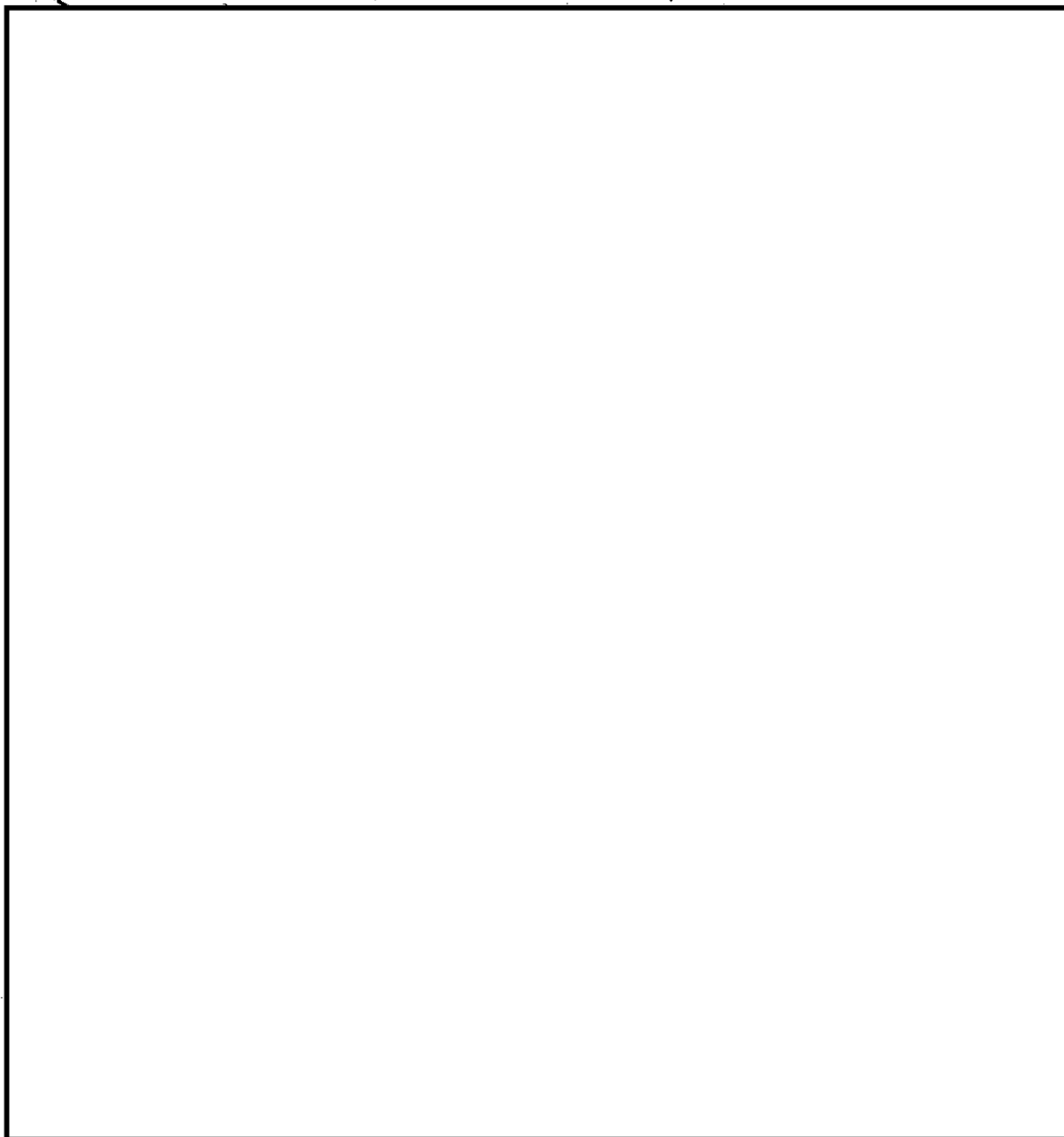
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[REDACTED] IF IT IS TRUE THAT VIOLA  
IS TRYING TO FORM A POLITICAL BASE OF SUPPORT FOR THE  
GOVERNMENT. VIOLA ANSWERED THAT HE DOES NOT MEDDLE IN  
POLITICS, THAT PRESIDENT JOSE V I D E L A IS THE ONE WHO  
MAKES POLITICAL DECISIONS. [REDACTED]

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VIOLA PERSISTED, STATING THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH  
POLITICAL DECISIONS, THAT THEY ARE MADE BY VIDELA WHO IS  
CLOSELY ADVISED IN THIS REGARD BY GENERAL JOSE V I L L A R R E A L,  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
AND UNION FIGURES, ELEMENTS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE CONSERVATIVE  
SECTOR. ALTHOUGH VIDELA UNDOUBTEDLY MAKES THE FINAL  
DECISIONS ON POLITICAL MATTERS, VIOLA, FROM VARIOUS  
REPORTS, IS EXTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

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COUNTRY ARGENTINA

SUBJECT COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT JORGE VIDELA REGARDING  
HIS INTENT TO MAKE NO DRASTIC MOVES IN ORDER  
TO KEEP THE ARMY UNIFIED

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1. PRESIDENT JORGE VIDELA

GOAL WITH RESPECT TO THE ARMY

IS TO KEEP THE ARMY SATISFIED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ON  
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT POLICY. VIDELA  
STATED THAT FOR THIS REASON HE DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY  
DRASTIC OR ABRUPT MOVE WHICH COULD IN EFFECT SEND SHOCK  
WAVES THROUGH THE RANKS. VIDELA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME

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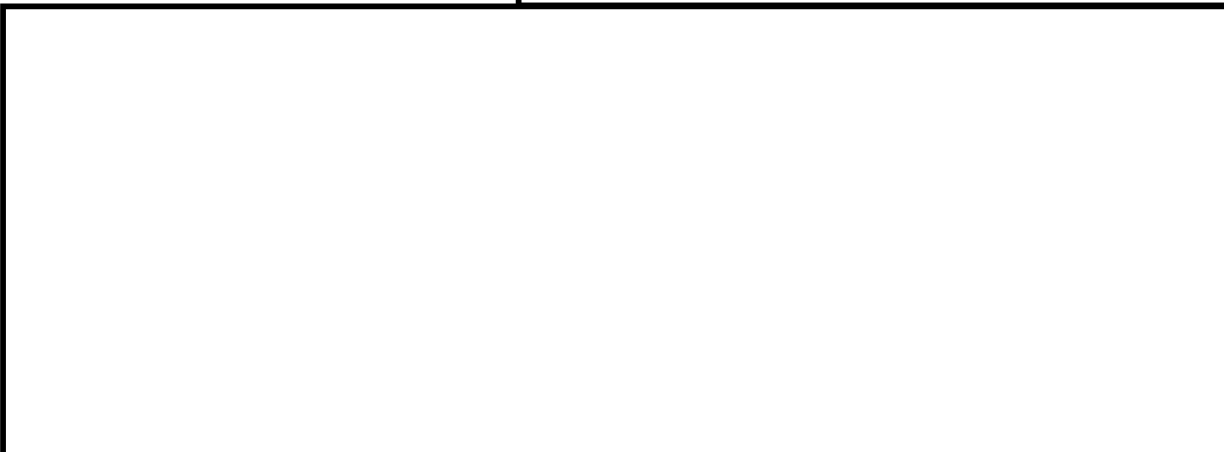
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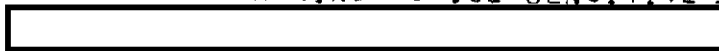
DEGREE OF DISSENSION CURRENTLY EXISTS WITHIN THE ARMY, BUT HE SAID HE DOES NOT REGARD IT TO BE EXTENSIVE NOR A THREAT TO HIS AUTHORITY. VIDELA SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THAT AS LONG AS A CRISIS SITUATION EXISTS, WHICH IS THE CASE AT PRESENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE, THERE WILL BE FEW OFFICERS, IF ANY, IN THE OPPOSITION ASPIRING TO HIS JOB. HOWEVER, ONCE THE CRISIS PERIOD ABATES, VIDELA SAID HE EXPECTS A MOVE COULD THEN CONCEIVABLY BE MADE TO OVERTHROW HIM. TO HELP PREVENT THIS POSSIBILITY, VIDELA STATED THAT HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SHUFFLE OFFICERS AROUND BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR TO REMOVE POTENTIALLY PROBLEM OFFICERS FROM STRATEGIC POSITIONS.



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DATE DISTR. 24 May 1976

COUNTRY Argentina

POLITICAL MATTERS

SUBJECT [REDACTED] Operations of the State  
Intelligence Secretariat

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1. The State Intelligence Secretariat (SIDE) [REDACTED]

the following [REDACTED]

monitored [REDACTED]

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c. Individuals suspected of involvement with the  
leftist terrorists.

d. Union leaders.

e. Political personalities, including members of the  
government of President Maria Estela Martinez de Peron.

[REDACTED] Comment: The Peron government was over-  
thrown on 24 March 1976 by the Argentine armed forces.)

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